

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) ~~A fluid container, comprising:~~The fluid container of claim 24,

~~a fluid container body having at least one free fluid reservoir located in the fluid container in side by side relationship with a negative pressure medium containing chamber and fluidly connected to the negative pressure medium containing chamber; and~~
~~————— a common fluid delivery port directly connecting the at least one free fluid reservoir and the negative pressure medium containing chamber with a fluid ejector to deliver fluid to the fluid ejector directly from at least the free fluid reservoir, the at least one free fluid reservoir and the negative pressure medium containing chamber being located, at least in part, over the fluid delivery port;~~

~~a filter which is located (i) between the fluid delivery port and the free fluid reservoir and (ii) between the fluid delivery port and the negative pressure medium chamber;~~
~~————— wherein the negative pressure medium containing chamber is separated from and not in contact with the filter; and~~

~~wherein a ratio of the volume of the free fluid reservoir to the volume of the negative pressure medium~~resistance material ~~containing chamber is between about 0.3 to 1 and about 3.0 to 1.~~

2-9. (Canceled)

10. (Currently Amended) ~~The fluid container of claim 1,~~claim 24, wherein the negative ~~pressure~~resistance material is made of felt.

11. (Currently Amended) ~~The fluid container of claim 1,~~claim 24, wherein the negative ~~pressure medium~~resistance material is a non-woven material.

12-13. (Canceled)

14. (Currently Amended) The fluid container of claim 1, wherein the ratio is between about 0.5 to 1 and about 2 to 1.

15. (Currently Amended) The fluid container of claim 14, wherein the ratio is ~~approximately~~about 1 to 1.

16. (Canceled)

17. (Currently Amended) The fluid container of ~~claim 1,~~claim 24, further comprising at least one capillary element located between the negative ~~pressure medium~~resistance material and the fluid delivery port.

18. (Original) The fluid container of claim 17, wherein the at least one capillary element comprises at least one rib.

19. (Currently Amended) The fluid container of claim 17, wherein the at least one capillary element is connected to the negative ~~pressure medium~~resistance material.

20. (Previously Presented) The fluid container of claim 17, wherein the at least one capillary element is connected to the fluid delivery port.

21. (Currently Amended) The fluid container of ~~claim 1,~~claim 24, further comprising at least one manifold rib located in the fluid delivery port to space the negative ~~pressure medium~~resistance material from the fluid delivery port.

22-23. (Canceled)

24. (Previously Presented) A fluid container for a fluid marker having a print head, comprising:

a fluid container body with a free fluid reservoir located in side-by-side relationship with a negative resistance material containing chamber and fluidly connected to the negative resistance material containing chamber;

a common fluid delivery port opening into the fluid container and directly connecting the free fluid reservoir and the negative resistance material containing chamber with the print head to deliver fluid to the print head directly from at least the free fluid reservoir; and

at least one bubble chamber located within the fluid container,

wherein the negative resistance material containing chamber is located between the free fluid reservoir and the bubble chamber, and

wherein the bubble chamber and the free fluid reservoir are connected by a passage that bypasses the negative resistance material containing chamber.

25. (Previously Presented) The fluid container of claim 24, further comprising a porous element located in the delivery port opening to support at least one of the free ink chamber and the negative resistance material chamber.

26. (Canceled)

27. (Previously Presented) The fluid container of claim 24, wherein the fluid container has a lid and the negative resistance material containing chamber is attached to the lid.

28-35. (Canceled)